RE. BILL FOR RESERVATION OF SEATS FOR WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT *AND* STATE LEGISLATURES

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, will you permit nie to raise a very important point? *(Interruptions)* I am raising the issue of Women's Bill. *(Interruptions).* The Goverimient have repeatedly been making promises in this House and elsewhere. We would like to know from the Government when the Women's Bill is going to be introduced. We all stand for it— all the leading political parties, the Left parties, the B.J.P. and the Congress party, everyone has agreed. Why is the Government not introducing the Bill in this House or the other House? (Interruptions) The Government is going back on their promise *(Interruptions).*

श्री अजीत जोगी(मध्य प्रदेश): आप अपने साथियों से पूछिए,सरकार में बैठे हैं तो क्यों विरोध कर रहे हैं ?**...(व्यवधान)**...सरकार आप का कहना नहीं मान रही हैं तो वापिस आ जाओ । ...**(व्यवधान)**...घड़ियाली आसूं क्यों बहाते हों ? ...**(व्यवधान)** मैडम, ये लोग घड़ियाली आंसू बहा रहे हैं । जब सरकार इनकी नहीं सुन रही है तो ये सरकार में है क्यों ? ....**(व्यवधान)**...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Fernandes. *{Interruptions)*

SHRl JOHN F. FERNANDES (Goa): Madam, I do not kn.ow why the Government is not coming forward with a Bill. *(Interruptions)* Let the Government react. *(Interruptions)* Yesterday, there was a meeting in the Chamber of the bon. Speaker *(Interruptions).* The hon. Speaker mentioned openly *io* the Press and tiie electronic media that the B. J . P. and the Congress are not opposing the Bill; it is the constituents of the United Front who are opposing the Bill. *(Interruptions)* JNOW, why are they making a noise? ;' *{Interniptiom)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The ' Minister wants to say something. I *(Interruptions)* Will yoii please si,t ' down? She wants to say something. *{Interruptions)*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA* Madam, we would like to make it clear thai all the Left parties and many of the national parties stand by it. The Government should not feel Shri to troduce the Bill. r.et us bring the Bill before the House. Let the people know about the factual position. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL (Rajasthan) : Madam, the Congress party stands for the Bill. We stand for the Bill. Then what is the problem? *(Interruptions)*

श्री अजीत जोगी: वह सरकार आपको नहीं सुन रही है तो इस्तीफा दे देना चाहिए ...**(व्यवधान)**...अगर सी.पी.आई.की बात सरकार नहीं सुन रही है तो ये इस्तीफा क्यों नही देने ? ...**(व्यवधान)**....

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA (West Bengal); Madam, let the Bill be brought before the House. *(Inter-rup tions)*

प्रो.विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा (दिल्ली)**:** मैडम,यह एक ऐसा इश्यू हैं जिस पर पहली बार लेफ्ट पार्टी बी.जे.पी.के नाथ समर्थन कर रही है । इस बिल पर नेशनल पार्टीज इकट्ठी है । लेफ्ट पार्टीज वी.जे.पी.कांगेस सब मिलकर इस बिल को लाना चाहती है । अब अगर यूनाइटेड फ्रंट का कोई आपसी झगड़ा है तो वह

इस झगड़े को बाहर सुलझांए । बिल हाउस में लाए,अगर पास होता है तो ठीक है और नहीं पास होता है...(**व्यवधान**)...तो पता लगे कि क्या होने वाला है ? आप पहले बिल हाउस में लाइए ।

SHRl GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, I fuKy support the stand taken by the B.J.P. Let the Bill be Rodined. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: We also want it. *{InterrupPons) ...*

SHRI TRILOKINAIH CHATURVEDI (Uttar Pradesh): Our party has all along, throughout, stood by it and we want to get this Bill passed . *Interniptions). . .*

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA; Madam, let us hear the Minister. *(Interruptions) ...*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If . you all sit down, she will speak *Interniptions)...* If all of you speak, her voice will not be heard. ., *(Interruptions)*

आप बैठिए न,सुनने दीजिए वे क्या कह रही है । ...(**व्यवधान**)...

At leasr. let me hear her.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN ' THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATJ JAYANTHI NATA-RAJAN): Madam, the Prime Minister and the Government are totally and irrevocably committed to pass ing the Women's Reservation Bill. *(interruptions)...* If you le.t me finish, I will speak. Otherwise, I will sit down *(Interruptions) .. .*

मौलाना ओबैदुल्लाखान आज़मी (बिहार)**:** महिला की बात तो सुनिए ...(**व्यवधान**)

†**مولانا عبیداللہ خاں اعظمی:** مہیلا کی بات تو سنئے ..."مداخلت"...

† [ ]Transli.teration in .Arabic Script.

श्री वसीम अहमद(**उत्तर प्रदेश**): महिला की बात नहीं सुन रह हैं ।..(**व्यवधान**)

श्री नरेश यादव: मैडम,ये महिला मंत्री को सुनने को तैयार नहीं है..(**व्यवधान**)

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: (Maharashtra): The Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs has stated..*(Interruptions) .....*

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATA RAJAN: I have not finished. Sir. *(Interruptions)*

SHRl S. B. CHAVAN: ...On the floor of the House that the Prime Minister and his Government are committed to passing this Women' Reservation Bill. The major political parties like Congress, BJP, CPI(M) and CPI seem to be atrree-able to it. You have a Steering Committee of the UF Government. Can't you sort out the problem amongst yourselves? Why don't you try to avoid this kind of a controversy when major political parties are supporting it? *(Interruptions).* .. Why is it that you are trying to post pone the same? *(Interruptions).. .*

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATA-RAJAN: Madam. I have not finished what I was raying. 1 sat douii before I finished. 1 was not all wed to speak.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:Okay.

SHRIMATI .JAYANTHI NATA-' RAJAN: Madam, the Bill is alxeadv listed. It has been introduced and listed in the Lok Sabha, *(Interruptions) . . .* If you are going to inter-rupt every sentence I will not speak. It is not a debate. *I* have to finish what I want to say. *Interruptions)...*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let her speak. Have' some courtesy.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATA-' RAJAN: Madam, it is true that the hon. Speaker had talks Vvith various leaders. Even yesterday a raeetina was held in the Chamber of the hon. Speaker. 1 am not qualified to

tion.£f seals for Wormn in repeat what happened over there in this House. The hon. Speaker is trying to evolve a consensus. Appa-fently. some people have some objections. I don't know about it. As soon as the Lok Sabha passes the Bill, it will be brought to the Rajya Sabiia and we hope we will pas-s the Bill in the session, itself. If fs now pending before the Lok Sabha. As soon as the Bill is passed by the Lok Sabha, it will be brought bef<:ire the ; Rajya Sabha. *(Interruptions). .*

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATUR-VEDI: Mfldam, my submilvS'on is this. I want only *to* remind the hon. Minister of State for Parliameniary Affairs that there is only one day left. *{Inter-puptions) . ,*

SHRIMATI /AYANTHT NATARA JAN: Madani, *I* am sorry. I cannot keep answering; everything that they ask. *(Interruptions)..* *I* should be allowed *to* finish what T am *fiaying. (tnterrijnh'ons)* ' THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yeo.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI .NATARA-JAN: Madawi. as soon as the Bill is passed . by the Lok Sabha it will bo broisglit to the Rajya vSabha aixi v/e will vote on it. We are trying to evolve a cosisensis now. We are coiumitted to it. All of us are working for the '-iame thing,

(Interruptions), .

THE DHPUTY CHAJRMAN; let her fini'sh.

SHRIMATI lAYANITHI NATARA-JAN; Madam, therefore, I don't wnnt to be provoked into saying anything moi-e about the public :stand and 'he private named of some people. I won't he Provoked. *(Interruptions)*

विपक्ष के नेता(श्री सिकन्दर बख्त): सदर साहिबा,मुझे एक मिनट देंगी आप ?यह तो साफ जाहिर है कि कौन-कौन वूमन्स बिल फौरन लाया जाए,उसके हक में है,लेकिन युनाइटेड फ्रट गवर्नमेंट के मानी क्या है,वह कुछ समझ में नहीं हुआ रहा है यह किस किस्म की गवर्नमेंट हैं।

†**نیتا ورودھی دل "شری سکندر بخت"**:صدر صاحبہ۔ مجھے ایک منٹ دیں گی آپ۔ یہ تو صاف ظاہر ہے کہ کون کون وومینس بل فورا لایا جائے۔ اس حق میں ہیں لیکن یونائیٹڈ فرنٹ کے معنی کیا ہیں۔ وہ کچھ سمجھ میں نہیں آرہا ہے یہ کس قسم کی گورنمنٹ ہے۔

Is it there or not ?

चव्हाण साहबा ने सवाल पैदा किया है कि स्टीरिंग कमेटी में इसका कोई फैसला हुआ है या नहीं हुआ है और अगर नहीं हुआ है तो क्यों नहीं हुआ है ?

چوہان صاحب نے سوال پیدا کیا ہے کہ اسٹئرنگ کمیٹی میں اسکا کوئی فیصلہ ہوا ہے یا نہیں ہوا ہے اور اگر نہیں ہوا ہے تو کیوں نہیں ہوا ہے۔

The question rs this; What sort of a . Government js cxi'sting? Is *u* there or

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†دیکھئے یہاں کیا صورتحال ہے کہ:
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हम लोग तो बाहर है,अपोजीशन की हैसियत रखते हैं और ये दोनों साफ-साफ गवर्नमेंट के खिलाफ एक इस्टीट्युट लेते हैं कि आप यह बिल क्यों नहीं लाते हैं यूनाइटेड फ्रेंट के माने क्या है,हमें तो वह समझाया जाए मेहरबानी करके

†ہم لوگ تو باہر ہیں۔ اپوزیشن کی حیثیت رکھتے ہیں اور یہ دونوں صاف صاف گورنمنٹ کے خلاف ایک ایٹیچیوڈ لیتے ہیں کہ آپ یہ بل کیوں نہیں لاتے ہیں۔ یونائیڈ فرنٹ کے معنی کیا ہیں۔ ہمیں تو یہ سمجھایا جائے مہربانی کرکے۔

† [ ]Transilteration in Arabic Script

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Madam, I want to say one thing. The hon. Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs has just informed tlie House that once it is pa'Ssed by the Lok Sabha it will come to the Rajya Sabha and theni we will pass it. The Lok Sabha has been adjovirned on this issue. Why doesn't she inform us about that? (Interruptions) ... The Lok Sabha is *ho* much agitated bver this issue. (Interruptions)..,

SHRIMATI JAYANTHl NATARAJAN:
.JAN: Madam, there is no procedure for me to report the proceedings of the Lok Sabha to the hon. Members. (Interruptions) ...

SHRl SATISH AGARWAL: Do you think that there is polarisation and the two Houses *are* not integrated? (Interruptions). .

SHRIMATI JAYANTHl NATARAJAN; You are trying to say that I should inform what happened in the Lok Sabha tb the Rajya Sabha .. (Interruptions) ,,

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: You con't inform us about what happened in the Lok Sabha! The Lok Sabha has been adjourned bn this issue. The Members were demanding that the Women's Reservation Bill should be brought forward. (;Interruiptions)..

SHRIMATI JAYANTHl NATARAJAN: You read the papers as much as I do. (Interruptions)..

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Only a minuscue number of pebple in the United Front are opposing it. Please those people who a*re* opposing this Bill. Ten per cent people are dictating terms to 90 per cent people. (Interruptions). A minority of 10 per cent in both the Houses is docta-*ifag* terms to 90 per cent people who are supporting this Bill. What kind of a Government is running this country? (Interruptions).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: minute.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE (Maharashtra) Madam, I appreciate the Parliamentary Affairs Minister for. . . .(Interruptions). Madam she is harping on a consensus, the Government is harping on a consensus. Can we know one thin,g? Assuming there j[S no consensus between them, will they be bringing! the Bill for a proper legislation br for an amendment to the Constitution in both the Houses or not? It requires a categorical answer.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHl NATARAJAN: Madam, I have not made myself dear. The Bill has already been brought. It has been introduced. (Interruptibns).

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: If there is no concensus, will they .. (Interruptions)

SHRIMATI JAYANTHl NATARAJAN: Madam, the Bill has already been intro-duced and listed in Lok Sabha. There-fore,.... (interruptione).

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Madam, I have been long enough in Parliament tfat know that it has been introduced and know what the implications of the introduction are. The thing is, we want to pass it. If we want *to* pass it and if there is no consensus, are they going to take appropriate meiasures?

SHRIMATI JAYANTHl NATARAJAN: Madam, I cannot ..*(Interruptions)* .

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: her finish.

SHRIMATl JAYANTHl NATARAJAN: Madam, I once again re′ peat it. The Bill has already been Introduced. The Government is committed *to* passing this Bill. The Bill is pending in Lok Sabha. *(In-terrupUoTisy*.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. Let her speak.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHl NAJA-RAJAN: Madam, I deeply regst that I cannot say what want he to say. I can only say

what has to be said and what I have to say. The Bill is pending in Loik Sabha. The hon. Speaker hasi called a meeting. Apparently,some people have expressed their diffculties to the hon- Speaker. Ther fe no procedure by which I can "eport what hiajjpened in Lok Sabha in this House. In all thee *yearf* t)f Parliamentary priaotice, I have not understood a procedure like that. As soon as Lok Sabha passes the Bill, i't will be brought to Rajya Sabha for consideration and voting.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I wiouJd like to remind the hon. Mini ster about one thing. *(Interrup-* tiOTW). Just a mihute. I just want to remind the hon. Minister for Par liamentary Affairs that last week the Government biosiness wlas ann ounced here and this Bill was list ed. Now i't has been suddenly withdrawn from the business of this House. All those Bills which I had read out which were considered in the BAC meeting or which wiere discussed in the BAC meiet-ing. . . *(Interrutions)* .

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN; You also have some paitence. I am just putting the procedure. I am not saying anything against. I have just read out that those Bills which lare passed in Lok Sabha will be brought over here. So far as this Bill is concerned, it was announced last week—it is a part of the recordse—the 81st amendment of the Constitution BiU as passed by Lok Sabha will be taken up here. But it was not put up in yesterdajes Business Advisory Committee meeting. It has been withdrawn by the Government from the business of this House.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHl NATARA- JAN: It was not ...*(Interruptions).* Let me sjay it. I have to set the record straight. It was in the agen- da for the Business Advisory Com mittee. I hesitated. Sinee the Chair has made a reference to it, I (am constrained to report that it was in the agenda for the Business Advi sory t)mmittee. All of us were , present there from the Government side. We were perfectly willing to have it listed. The senit)r leaders of then Opposition said, "Why do even willing to allot time for it. The senior leaders of the Oppositibi;! * said, "Why do you want to list it?"

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: WhD?

SHRIMATI JAYANTHl NATARA-JAN: If you want me to name the (Interruptions)..

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATUR-VEDI.- Madam, she cannot discuss here about the BAG meeting. *(Interruptions).*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: 't know. .. *(Interruptions)* .

SHRIMATI JAYANTHl NATARA-JAN: Madam, I have to say that the Government did not withdraw the Bill. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Madam, I don't want to interrupt here. I am sorry. Madam, will you give me a minute?

मैं इंटररप्ट नहीं करना चाहता था लेकिन उन्होंने कहा कि-

"Senior leaders of the Oipposition". She has said, "Leaders". I lam also one of them. Who opposed it? That is what I want her to make clear.

SHRIMATl JAYANTHI NATARA-JAN: Madam, nobody .. .*(Tnter-*

rupiions). They never allow me to finish. That is the problem. It was

mentioned in the meeting, "Let the Lok SSabha pass it. Why do you want to allot time until the Lok Sabha passes it?" Therefiore it was not there. The Government did not wthdraw the Bill. Nobody from the Government said, "We should not have it". The Bill was lijsted by thie Parliamentary Affairs Ministry. Since it was observed in the meeting t) af *nine* need not be allo-tted tmti!l Lok Sabha passes the Sill, therefore, maybe, it is not in the list.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: have not mentioned lanything... .. *(Interruptions)*... Just one minute .. *(Interruptions)* .. You people are not letting me put the record straight . . (/«-*terruptioris)*.. I have not mentioned anything that happened in the Business Advisory Committee. I only mentioned that last Meeek, when the Government business was announced on the floor, it was listed. But in the bus/ness which I have announced now, it is not listed. That is all that I have said. Now let us go for the Casing Attemtion... (In-terruptions)...

प्रो.विजयकुमार मल्होत्रा : मैडम,एक प्रिविलेज का सवाल है**..(व्यवधान)**

उपसभापति: ये क्या कह रहे हैं,सुनने दीजिए हैं ....(**व्यवधान**)

SHRl TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI: It is the responsibility of the Prime Minilster... *(Inter-ihip-tions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will examine the minutes of the Business Advisory Committee *(Interruptions)*...

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Madam:, I seek youir protection .. *(Interruptionse)* ... The House is entitl-led to know... *(Interruptions)*...

Madam, so many people have spoken in, this House. You are not all-owing anybody from my party to speak ... (Interruptions)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have been speaking all the time... (Initerruptious) Nobody is objecting *(Interruptions)*...

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Madam, allow me to speak... *(Interre ' rutions)*...

श्री त्रिलोकी नाथ चतुर्वेदी: मैं तो चाहता हूं कि विप्लव जी आप बोलिए मगर अपने लिए भी ये याद रखिए ...(**व्यवधान**)कल मैं खड़ा हुआ था तब आपने टोकाटाकी शुरू की थीं । मैं तो चाहता हूं कि आप अंग्रेजी में बोलें,हिन्दी में बोलें,बंगला में बोलें । वह तो बहुत अच्छा है लेकिन अपने लिए भी याद रखिए । नसीहत हमको देंगे और अपनी वार में जब मैं कहूंगा तो आप कहेंगे कि ...(**व्यवधान**) अगर आपको टोकाटाकी अच्छी लगती है तो मुझे भी अच्छी लगती है ...(**व्यवधान**) वे प्रोफेसर हैं,जरा यह तय कर लेंकि हमको अगर वे अपना शिष्य भी मानें तो अगर हम कभी सवाल उठाते हैं या कुछ पूछतें हैं तो वह टोका-टाकी न करें । अभी हमने मसदुरहमान की बात की,उसी पर बिगढ़ गए । मैं इसीलिए उनसे कहना चाहता हूं कि वीमैन रिप्रैजेटेशन बिल के बारे में हम सभी लोग कह रहे हैं और जिस सरकार को आप सपोर्ट कर रहे हैं वहीं सरकार बिल नहीं ला रही है । उसी सरकार से हम यह निवेदन कर रहे हैं । करना क्या है आपको,आप अपनी रिपोर्ट विदड्रॉ कर लीजिए । आप सपोर्ट वापस ले लीजिए ऐसी सरकार से ...(**व्यवधान**)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What are you saying (Inte*rruptions)*

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Madam, yt)u are not allowing me to speak .. *(Interruptions)*.. Madam, will you allow me to speak? .. *(Interruptions)*..

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is going On? I don't know whjat ' is going on . . *(Interruptions)* ..

SlHRI PURUDAS DAS' CUPTA: : Please allow him to speak... (Interruptions)...

उपसभापति: उनको बोलने दीजिए...(**व्यवधान**)

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: What is happening? Are I not supposed to speaker? ., *(Interruptions)* ..

श्री सतीश प्रधान(**महाराष्ट्र**): हमारी बात क्यों नहीं सुनी जाती ...(**व्यवधान**) हमारी बात कोई सुनता नहीं हैं ...(**व्यवधान**)

उपसभापति: आप बोलिए ।

श्री सतीश प्रधान: मैडम,में प्रिविलेज मोशन का नोटिस आपके पास दिया है । यहां की सब चीजें तोड़ डाली हैं,यहां का सब नक्शा चेंज कर दिया गया है और किसी को इस बारे में मालूम नहीं है ।

यह सब दूरदर्शन वालों ने तोड़ा । उनके मंत्री जी यहां नहीं थे । उनको इस विषय में कुछ जानकारी है या नहीं,मुझे नहीं मालूम । आपके पास इस बारे में प्रिविलेज मोशन का नोटिस देने के बावजूद अभी तक कोई कार्यवाही नहीं हुई हैं । कल हमने एक दूसरे प्रिविलेज मोशन पर चर्चा की थी । इसके बारे में क्या होने वाला है,यह मैं जानना चाहता हूं ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:I don't understand what is happening.*'(Interrupptions)* .. .just lone second. iMr. Dasgupta, can I request you to si't down? (*interruptions)*...

Mr. Pradhan has some problem, let him speak. I will allow you. H!e is so anergy. Let him speak, something You must have some consjderation for the back-benchers. He is saying something Mr. Hanumanthappa, who is a quiet person has something to say. He does not create a ruckus in the House. He has been aslqjig' me permissiloA to speak. He is sitting in front of me and I have not Been able to allow him (Interruptions)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: let so s go pro'perly

श्री त्रिलोकी नाथ चतुर्वेदी: हम समझते हैं कि गुस्सा होना उन्हीं की मानापोली है और तो मॉनोपोली का विरोध करेंगे,क्योंकि वह डा.विप्लव दासगुप्त हैं

I can be perpetually aurgry.

दूसरा कुछ कहें,बात करें तो उसके ऊपर नाराज होंगे । मुझकों बस यही निवेदन करना हैं ।

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Mladam, he ig much stronger thian me in lung-ipower. I cannot compete with him. But what is going on, Chaturvedenr *(Interruptions) Will* you allow me to speak? What is this? *(Interruptions)* Miadam, my point is very simple. I am sure BJP will agree with me. There is a political problem. *(Interruptions)* The whole question on women is basically a political issue. *(Interruptions)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN; Now you just sit down for a minute. *(Interruptions)* I think it is the privilege of every Member to get angry except the Chair. If ever I get angry it makes a headline in the newspapers. That is why I am not getting angry.

श्री सतीश प्रधान: मैडम,एक मिनट में खत्म कर रहा हूं ।

उपसभापति: गुस्सा मत कीजिए ।

Re: enhancement of sauaries and alIoW(ances for Members of Parliament